## HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 4473

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

February 4, 2010.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill amending the charter of the town of Millis for the purpose of establishing an appointed board of assessors (House, No. 4216), reports recommending that the same be amended by substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 4473), and that when so amended the same will be correctly drawn.

An Act amending the charter of the town of Millis to establish an appointed board of assessors.

FOR THE COMMITTEE:

NAME: DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

An Act amending the charter of the town of Millis to establish an appointed board of assessors.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section III-3 of the charter of the town of Millis, which is on file in the archivist of 2 the commonwealth, as provided by section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by 3 adding the following 2 sentences:- Further, the selectmen shall have the power to appoint a 3-member 4 board of assessors for terms of 3 years, and may terminate the same at their discretion. The members of 5 this board shall be made up of registered voters of the town of Millis. 6 SECTION 2. Section IV-2 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out paragraphs (d) 7 to (i), inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following 4 paragraphs:-8 (d)There shall be 3 library trustees each elected for a term of 3 years, so arranged that the term 9 of 1 trustee expires each year; 10 (e) There shall be a planning board composed of 5 members, each elected for a term of 5 years, 11 so arranged that the term of 1 member expires each year; 12 (f) There shall be a housing authority composed of 5 members, 4 of whom shall be elected for a term of 5 years and 1 of whom shall be appointed as provided in chapter 121B of the General Laws; 13 14 and 15 (g) There shall be a board of health composed of 3 members, each elected for a term of 3 years,

so arranged that the term of 1 member expires each year.

SECTION 3. Said charter is hereby further amended by adding the following section:-

18 Section VI-8.

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19	Upon the effective date of the amendments to this charter, as authorized by the annual town meeting
20	on June 15, 2009, the board of selectmen shall be authorized to appoint a board of assessors in accordance
21	with the provisions of section III-3. Initial appointments under said section shall be made as follows: 1
22	for a 1-year term, 1 for a 2-year term, and 1 for a 3-year term. Upon the appointment of a board of
23	assessors in accordance with said section III-3, the terms of the incumbent members of the board of
24	assessors shall terminate, and the elected board of assessors shall be abolished. No contracts or liabilities
25	in force on the effective date of the amendments to this charter, as authorized by the annual town meeting
26	on June 15, 2009, shall be affected by the abolition of the elected board of assessors. The appointed board
27	shall, in all respects, be the lawful successor of the elected board. All records, property and equipment
28	whatsoever of the elected board are assigned to the appointed board.

29 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage .